

La Peña Cultural Center
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La Peña Cultural Center

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Café Valparaíso at La Peña

Breakfast, lunch, and dinner

Wednesdays: 5:30pm-9:30pm
Thursdays: 11am-2pm & 5:30pm-9:30pm
Fridays: 11am-10:30pm
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Two-Month Calendar See back for December 2008

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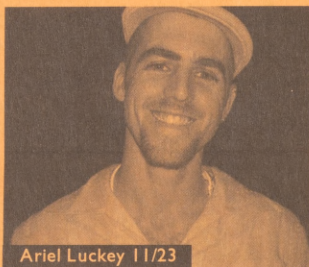
DECEMBER 08 ON THE BACK



Inti Illimani 11/9

Sunday, Nov. 9:
A special benefit concert for La Peña Cultural Center with the internationally celebrated group, Inti-Illimani. One night, one show only.

(No passes will be accepted to this event.)



Ariel Luckey 11/23



Taina 11/6



Junius Courtney Big Band 11/16

SATURDAY

1 OCTOPRETZELS 10:30AM

A tribute to **Chabuca Granda**
On the 25th anniversary of her death, *De Rompe y Raja* remembers the legendary Peruvian singer/composer in this tribute to her artistic career. Festejos, landós, vales & marineras inspired from her music will be presented. Featuring Felipe Pumarada, Rosa Los Santos, Pedro Rosales, Nestor Ruiz, and dancers from De Rompe y Raja.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

8 ALPHABET ROCKERS 10:30AM



Robert Karim 11/2

SUNDAY

2 RUMBA IN CAFE 3:30PM

Honoring our Ancestors before we change the President.
The Cooking Show con Karim y Comrades
Take a break from electoral politics madness with revolutionary chef *Mero Cocinero Karim* & his special musical *Comrades*. Come for a cooking ritual to honor ancestors that will make your stomach & corazón smile. Come early for a free samples taste! 8pm \$10 (\$5 w/canned food for food shelters that are struggling. No one turned away for lack of funds because we know the economy sucks.)

TUESDAY

4 ELECTION NIGHT

The Bush Regime is Over! Election Night Watch @ La Peña
Join us to watch the election at La Peña on giant screens. Food & drink available for sale. Proceeds to Benefit La Peña
5:30pm FREE

WEDNESDAY

5 SCIENCE CAFE 7-9PM FREE LOBBY

Benefit Event
Reclaiming Indigenous History, Memory, Education & Language in El Salvador
Conversation & film with Juliana Ama, Rosalio Ama, & Daniel Flores Ascencio
7:30pm \$10*

THURSDAY

6 DREAMS NATIONAL TOUR 2008

Broadcast Live & Taína Asili y La Banda Rebelde
From Philly, PA and Albany, NY *Taina Asili y La Banda Rebelde* are a unique infusion of hip hop, neo-soul, flamenco and Afro-Caribbean sounds, representing their roots in Puerto Rico, Sicily, Greece, Brazil & Tanzania. *Broadcast Live* is known for their bombastic live performances of a mix of hip hop, rock, reggae & folk.
8pm \$12 gen. \$10 students

FRIDAY

7 2 DAYS @ LA PEÑA !

SATURDAY

8 ALPHABET ROCKERS 10:30AM

Marga Gomez: Funny First
Award winning comic *Marga Gomez* returns to La Peña for an all new, irreverent & timely evening of stand-up comedy. Blessed by a witch to protect her against Sarah Palin, Gomez intends to take on any election result and spin it till it's funny. *Marga Gomez: Funny First* will include parting shots at George W, fresh material on breaking news, and Gomez's penchant for sexual disclosure. (Adults only.)
8pm \$20* tix available online only @ <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/45752>



Melissa Rivera 11/28

SUNDAY

9 INTI-ILLIMANI, INTIMO A BENEFIT FOR LA PEÑA

La Peña presents from Chile **Inti-Illimani**
Their music has intoxicated audiences worldwide & their seamless performances are a treasure to the human spirit. The group performs in larger venues but this time the audience will experience Inti Illimani in a very intimate setting as they commemorate their 40th year.
7:30pm \$35 adv. \$40 dr.* (premium seating \$45 in adv. only)

MONDAYS AND TUESDAYS MUSIC CLASSES WWW.LAPENA.ORG

TUESDAY

12 CAFE LOBBY BOOK RELEASE CELEBRATION

The Accidental Santera by Irete Lazo
A one of a kind novel that takes there readers into the world of Afro-Cuban Santería. Irete is a former scientist who earned a Ph.D. at UCB and is a practicing santera.
5:30pm Free

WEDNESDAY

13 BEAT BOXING CONCERT

Like you never knew existed **Beat Boxing**
This show will move you and blow you away with it's ever changing variety of artists. Performers include: Soulati and Infinite from Felonious, Szyggy, Eachbox, Monkstilo, Karam, Cornbread, D.C., Icebox, Tim Barsky, Bronkar, Dust 9, The Genie, Maximillion, DJ Chemical X and more. All ages!
8:30pm \$10 gen. \$8 students

THURSDAY

14 DUAL-ALBUM RELEASE SHOW

Sandy Owen, Spencer Owen & Sean Smith
After 30 years of playing & composing for piano, the brilliant, creative Sandy Owen has just recorded his finest album. His son, multi-instrumentalist Spencer Owen, has just made his best after his 10. We also invite the superb finger-style guitarist Sean Smith for a celebratory evening of progress and expression.
8pm \$12 gen. \$10 students

FRIDAY

15 RAFAEL & INGRID 10:30AM

Mrs. Pat's House performed by Jovelyn Richards
Set in an African-American neighborhood in the mid 1930s, Mrs. Pat's House is testimony to the economic & social alienation of woman & people of color. This safe haven brings life & magic to the neighborhood & the occupants. Performed with a live band, this play will make you laugh & cry. (16 and older).
8pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.



Spencer Owen 11/14

SUNDAY

16 RUMBA IN CAFE LOBBY 3:30PM

The Band lifts off in live performance to delirious realms of swing **Junius Courtney Big Band** with Denise Perrier
This 19-piece swing machine, founded by New Orleans native *Junius Courtney* in 1962, delivers a repertoire from Basie, Ellington to the blues & originals. Internationally-acclaimed vocalist Denise Perrier fronts the band; Nat Courtney at the drum kit, is the leader, & George Spencer, trumpeter, is musical director.
7pm \$12 adv. \$14 dr.

Saturday Mornings Kids Shows

10:30am Adults \$5, Kids \$4, Family Pass \$12

Sat. 1: Octopretzel. A

new, super-fun band for kids. Engaging original & traditional folk favorites. Puppets and dancing for the whole family to enjoy.



Sat. 8: Alphabet

Rockers' debut CD won the Parent's Choice Award. Their educational songs and hip hop styles have gained them many fans.



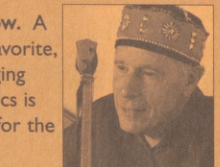
Sat. 15: Rafael

Manríquez & Ingrid Rubis perform songs in Spanish from their latest CD.



Sat. 22: Gary Lapow.

A long time Berkeley favorite, Gary's original, engaging songs & fun filled lyrics is great entertainment for the entire family.



TUESDAY

23 TARDEADA-MEXICAN MUSIC JAM SESSION 3-6PM

Free Land Project presents the 3rd Annual **Thangs Taken: rethinking thanksgiving**
Live music, hip hop theater, poetry, & film. Hosted by Ariel Luckey featuring Mark Franco & Caleen Sisk-Franco (Winnemem Wintu), Corrina Gould (Ohlone), Malcolm Margolin (author, *The Chione Váy*), the movie *In the Light of Reverence* w/Dir. Christopher McLeod, Audiopharmacy & others.
Live art by Octavio de la Paz.
7pm \$10-25 sliding scale. \$8 students w/ID

COMING NOVEMBER 15TH

From the prize-winning Canta Conmigo CD/Songbook Series comes Volume #5! **MARIACHI PARA TODA LA FAMILIA / MARIACHI FOR KIDS & FAMILIES**
Learning Spanish is easy with NAPPA, Parent's Choice songs! by Prize Winning "High Priestess of Operachi" **JUANITA ULLOA**. Be the first to get your Xmas orders: (210) 507-7657, (510) 499-2222. Email to: ProfeJuanita@txstate.edu. Listen in at: www.Juanitamusic.com P.O. Box 6371, San Antonio, Texas 78209

LA PEÑA'S EXPOSICIONES / EXHIBITS

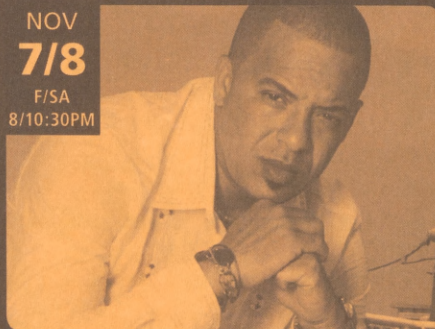
Theater: Until Nov. 30, Immigration Struggles. Oil on canvas by Sacramento artist Ivan Rubio, depicting the ongoing immigration struggles, and the social problems that migrant farm workers endure in the U.S.

Theater: Dec. 4 - Jan. 30, Richard Steven Street. Photographs that survey the hard truths of what it means to be a farmworker. In the tradition of Dorothea Lange we see here the reverse side of globalization & the human cost of cheap labor. **Lobby: Until Nov. 30, Puppets on the Seesaw / Monigotes en el subbaja** by Argentinean sculptor & installation artist Carmen Cogniat. Human forms made out of wire representing Argentina's struggle to find its way out of chaos after the 2001 economic collapse.

Lobby: Dec. 4 - Dec. 29, A Diverse Community Representation of the Hand of God. A group mixed media companion art exhibit with the *Sephardic Music Experience* concert on Dec. 21 featuring vocalist Kat Parra.
Café: Nov. 5 - Dec. 31, George Hopkins. Illustrations: a celebration of culture, history & architecture. An alumni of the Laney College and Ca. College of Arts, Oakland-based Hopkins tells his story & journey through his illustrations.



Richard Steven Street



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(SEE NOVEMBER 08 ON THE BACK)



Arab Orchestra of San Francisco 12/19



Saul Kaye 12/3



headRush 12/11



Mi Bandera es la Tierra 12/12



ILL ONES 12/20

SUNDAY

7 RUMBA IN CAFE 3:30PM
Benefits the Bay Area Coalition for Headwaters
Celebration of Forests & Forest Activism
Gift Auction and Music Concert. Silent auction of many items plus live raffle, and music, and delectable appetizer buffet! Info: 510-548-3113
6pm \$8 & up Sliding scale*

14 FOOD CELEBRATION
International Food Tasting
A fundraising feast in the spirit of the winter holidays with community chefs, musicians, activists, La Peña staff and board.
5:30-9pm \$15
(4-dish tasting) No Host Bar
Benefit for La Peña
(A few vendor spaces available for artists. Contact 510- 849-2568 x 12 for more information)

21 RUMBA IN CAFE 3:30PM
Formed by Latin/world vocalist **Kat Parra**
The Sephardic Music Experience
has been developed to help erase boundaries by presenting new musical works integrating Sephardic music with different genres of music from Cuba, Perú, Argentina, Spanish Flamenco and the Middle East.
7:30pm \$12 adv. \$15 dr.

28 CAFE CLOSED
NO PROGRAM TODAY
La Tienda Boxoffice Holiday Schedule
La Tienda hours: our daytime box office will be closed from Sunday, Dec. 21 until Sunday, Dec. 28. We will open on Monday & Tuesday Dec. 29 & 30 for New Year's Eve tickets. You can also purchase online at www.lapena.org.

LA PEÑA WISH LIST

- Mac laptop with wireless
- PC laptop with wireless capacity
- Clean carpet with sealed edges, 10'X12' for the kid's programs
- Shure 58 & 57 mics • Typewriter

TUESDAY

2 READING
Aya de Leon's **Migrapobia** is a screwball comedy that takes an unsuspecting Cuban expatriate photographer & African American dancer on a political, musical, roller-coaster ride from the Bay Area to Central Califas.
8pm \$5

WEDNESDAY

3 SCIENCE CAFE 7-9PM FREE IN CAFE LOBBY
Jewish Songwriter's Night
Saul Kaye Gary Lapow Elana Jagoda
World Premiere of Jewish Songwriters in the round! This night brings together 4 talented songwriters from the Bay Area to share songs in the round with you.
8pm \$10 All ages!

THURSDAY

4 BENEFIT
A book release celebration and a benefit for Middle East Children's Alliance
Osha Neumann: Up Against The Wall, Motherfker:**
a Memoir with Notes on Reason, Obsession, and the Dream of Revolution. Celebrate this activist/artist/lawyer's book of outrageous politics and careful reflection.
7pm \$10* (\$5 students/seniors)

FRIDAY

5 TWO DAYS ONLY!

Credit: Nancy Chagnoli Martin

SATURDAY

6 COLIBRI 10:30AM
Two Days Only! Friday 5 & Saturday 6
Bruising for Besos
A premiere workshop production of a dramatic solo play written & performed by **Adelina Anthony**
Among its many themes, the play examines domestic violence as experienced within one Chicana immigrant family.
8pm \$10 adv. \$13 dr.

MONDAYS & TUESDAYS MUSIC CLASSES / WWW.LAPENA.ORG

10 RECITAL
Puerto Rican Music and Dance
La Peña Kids Bomba & Adult Bomba y Plena Workshop
7pm \$10 adults, \$5 kids, \$15 for families of 3 or more
Proceeds benefit La Peña and Kids Bomba Workshop

17 CAFE POETRY HOSTED BY PARADISE 7:30PM FREE
Latin Jazz and Afro-Cuban music
La Peña Latin Jazz Orchestra
Directed by Josh Jones and Calle 49
7:30pm \$8
For more info on classes, please visit www.lapena.org

24 WINTER BREAK
Café Valparaíso closed until Tuesday, December 31. La Peña Administrative Offices will have limited hours between Dec. 22 – Jan. 3, 2009. La Tienda box office will be closed this week and re-opens December 29.

11 THEATER
Raw-Dios by headRush
Directed by Lakin Valdez
Four listeners (played by headRush with Mona Webb & Tommy Shepherd), one raunchy radio show, and a post-9/11 thirst for vengeance - *Raw-Dios* explores mainstream media messages around freedom, otherness, vengeance, and potential for change.
8pm \$5

18 BEAT BOXING CONCERT
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This show will move you and blow you away with its ever changing variety of artists. Performers include: Soulati and Infinite from Felonious, Syzygy, Eachbox, Monkstilo, Karam, Cornbread, D.C., Icebox, Tim Barsky, Bronkar, Dust 9, The Genie, Maximillion, DJ Chemical X and more. All ages
8:30pm \$10 gen. \$8 students

25 LA PEÑA & CAFE CLOSED

12 IMMIGRATION SERIES
A poetic journey through a seasonal landscape of vivid dreams & nightmares
Mi Bandera es la Tierra
Written and performed by Nicolas Valdez and Maria Ibarra, this play takes the energy of the Full Moon and shifts its axis towards the live stage. *Mi Bandera* resonates with an intoxicating compassion that will surely move your heart and inspire you to proclaim *Mi Bandera es la Tierra!*
8pm \$10 adv. \$12 dr.

19 BENEFIT CONCERT
Arab Orchestra of San Francisco
In its 3rd performance at La Peña, the Arab Orchestra of San Francisco continues to explore the boundaries between tradition and modernity and continues to highlight the common elements of various idioms. The orchestra is directed by Saed Muhsin. Proceeds benefit La Peña Cultural Center.
8pm \$13 adv. \$15 dr.

26 LA PEÑA & CAFE CLOSED

13 JERRY KENNEDY 10:30AM
¡Llegó la Parranda!
Dance to the rhythms of *gaita, tamborera, parranda, tambores de la costa, calypsos y mucho más.*
The Venezuelan Music Project
A special holiday treat for friends and families. Join the VMP, directed by Jacqueline Rago to celebrate the holidays Venezuelan style!
8pm \$16 adv. \$18 dr.

20 BONNIE & FRAN 10:30AM
ILL ONES, Entertainment Presents:
The Function
The Bay Area's ILLEST Party. Featuring some of the bay's most talented hip hop and soul acts.
9:30pm \$8 gen. \$7 w/student ID

27 NO KIDS SHOW NEXT KIDS SHOW JAN. 3, 2009

TUESDAY, DEC. 31, 2008 RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

NEW YEAR'S EVE DANCE PARTY

Danzón, cha-cha-cha, songo, and timba.

The Bay Area's own
Orquesta La Moderna Tradición

perform classic and modern Cuban dance music.

9:30pm \$25 in adv. \$28 door
Purchase tickets @ www.lapena.org

A partial benefit for La Peña Cultural Center.

Special New Year's Eve Menu in the café:
Call 841-3800 for dinner reservations.



LA PEÑA SELLING

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Want to do your part for Cultural Activism for Social Justice? Become a La Peña volunteer or intern today! Internships for school credit can also be arranged. Call Mariola at (510) 849-2568 ext.13 or email mariola@lapena.org

Not a big enough house for all your guests? Did you know you can RENT US?

Plan your activity at La Peña. Priority is given to day time rentals
Call us at (510) 849-2568 exts. 17 or 11

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eScrip is a hassle-free way for La Peña to raise funds through everyday purchases made at eScrip merchants. Hundreds of merchants contribute a percentage to La Peña when you shop. Call Nadine at (510) 849-2568 ext. 12 to learn more.

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La Peña accepts advertising for your non-profit event.
Call 849-2568 x 15 for rates.

Making a Difference through the Arts!

Yes, I want to Support La Peña's 34th year of making a difference through the arts!

La Peña is a 501c non-profit organization and donations are tax-deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law.

- ☐ **\$500 Padrino/Madrina** – receive an **Annual Pass**, which gets you free admission to **all La Peña events**
- ☐ **\$250 Victor Jara** – receive **4 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- ☐ **\$100 Paul Robeson** – receive **2 Free Tickets to any La Peña event**
- ☐ **\$50 Malvina Reynolds** – receive **1 Free Ticket to any La Peña event**
- ☐ **\$35 Compañero/Compañera** – You invest in La Peña and receive the calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$3 per month)
- ☐ **\$25 Activista** – Student, fixed income, low income membership with calendar, newsletter, and mailings (only \$2 per month)

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Dec. 6: Colibri presents a morning of songs in Spanish from all over Latin America.



Dec. 13: Jerry Kennedy performs blues and soul music for children.

Dec. 20: Peace, Light, & Chocolate. Singer/songwriters, **Fran Avni & Bonnie Lockhart** get everyone moving and singing with songs for the season from many traditions.

No show on Dec. 27. Next show January 3, 2009 with Paul Silveira on tour from Portland, OR.



Advance Ticket Information

Advance sale tickets are available for a **SELECT** number of programs.

Tickets may be purchased online at www.lapena.org.

Adv. tickets **DO NOT** guarantee a seat.

People with special needs should call **(510) 849-2568 ext. 20**

Please arrive 1/2 hour prior to show time.

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